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Sir:

In response to the **Final** Office Action of 12/22/2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below, in accordance with revised amendment practice, 37 CFR 1.121, effective July 30, 2003. A complete listing of all claims, replacing all prior claims in the application, and including the text of all non-cancelled claims, is attached.

No additional fee is believed to be due. However, in the event that a fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, the Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge the amount of such fee to Peters, Verny, Jones, Schmitt & Aston, LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1331.

This Amendment and Response is accompanied by a Transmittal Form, a Combined Notice of Appeal and Petition for Extension of Time, a check for \$950.00 and a postcard.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a period of two month(s), from 03/22/2004 to 05/23/2005.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.